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"MIDCENTURY JOURNEY"

by

WILLIAM L. SHIRER

Commentator, Correspondent and Author

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To salute publication next week of his new book, "Midcentury Journey" (Farrar, Straus and Young, Inc.), the Overseas Press Club honors its veteran Member WILLIAM L. SHIRER, Berlin Diarist and commentator with a Clubrooms reception. SHIRER will speak briefly on his book, which covers European events from World War I to his most recent visit there. A copy of the book, to be released the same day, will be awarded as a door prize.

This is the Club's first cocktail party of the fall season, so make it a rendezvous event to re-acquaint yourselves with your colleagues!

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**** TIPS ON COMING EVENTS ****

Thursday, September 18 -- The Overseas Press Club's first luncheon of the season will feature an exclusive just-back-from-abroad report by Mrs. Fleur Cowles, associate editor of Look magazine and wife of Publisher-Member GARDNER (Mike) COWLES. At Toots Shor's. Circle your calendar.

NOTE: Friday's tugboat trip this week will be rain-or-shine! Awnings available.

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Editor & Publisher for August 30, 1952, prints and applauds a piece GIDEON SEYMOUR, executive editor of the Minneapolis Star and Tribune, has penned in reply to President Truman's blast against the American press at the Democratic National Convention.

Excerpts: "On the last night of the Democratic convention President Truman, following a precedent which his predecessor set and he has followed, made a political speech. In it he attacked and derided the newspapers ****

"Any who regard Mr. Truman's remarks as more than political tub-thumping ought to ponder some facts about Presidents Truman and Roosevelt and the press. ****

"Beyond doubt, the press has been wrong sometimes but its record is, at worst, no such black page as Mr. Truman implies, and surely he knows that his administration owes the press a good deal of credit for its constructive accomplishments. ****

"A few weeks ago it was Sen. Robert Taft who was complaining about the newspapers. There seemed, he said, to be 'an editorial conspiracy by about three-fourths of them' to favor his opponent for the Republican presidential nomination. In other words, American newspapers, insofar as you can lump them, are not as far to the right as Sen. Taft and not as far to the left as President Truman. ****

"President Truman has particular reason to dislike the press because it has fought so strongly his efforts to keep officially secret many acts of the executive branch of the government. These efforts have gone far beyond the proper limits of national security*** The newspapers, in the public interest and with no partisan motive, have fought for the public's right to know, and Mr. Truman hasn't liked it. ****

"Newspapers have their faults-- if you think newspapermen don't know it, drop into any meeting of the craft: you'll hear a lot more self-criticism than self-praise.

"But their consecration to the task of informing the public honestly and analyzing public issues fairly is as high minded, we believe, as the dedication of any group in America to its task--including even politicians."

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I I Honolulu: (Special to The Bulletin) August 22 was quite a day for
I OVERSEAS TICKER I press and radio in Honolulu. The Honolulu Press Club held its
I I monthly meeting with Jimmy Michner delivering an-off-the-record
lecture on the American correspondent's problems in the Pacific. Lo and behold, who should appear but Maggie Higgins and Keyes Beach, both enjoying a short vacation in this Pacific Paradise. Between the three of them, they answered questions for more than an hour after Michener finished a most revealing lecture. With these headliners having attracted the biggest attendance in many a year, the Club is eager to hear more from any visiting OPCers who may be coming through in months ahead. (By ARTHUR GAETH).

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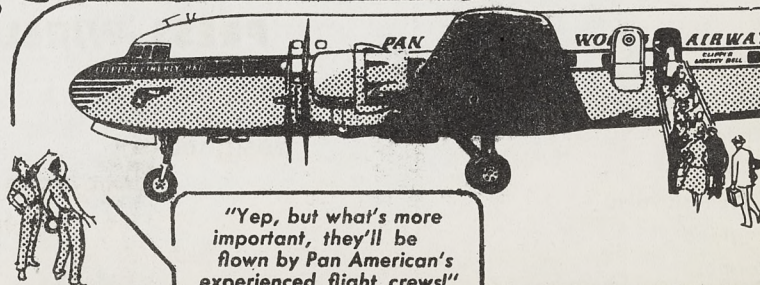
The OPC office, pelted with inquiries from contributors on the exact material appearing in "Off the Record," urges that eager members please wait until the book comes out to get the dope on their brain children.

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CLUB CALENDAR

Board of Governors Meeting.....Clubrooms.....Wednesday, Sept. 10, 5:45PM

JOHN BARKHAM, chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to membership in the OPC of the following applicants:

ACTIVE: JAMES BURKE, Time-Life
ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Time-Life International
JOACHIM JOESTEN, free-lance

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. NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS .
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ACTIVE: O. H. P. King, now with Dallas Bureau, AP, Overseas assignments: Japan and Korea, Jan. 1949, thru March, 1952. Proposed by JACK TENBERGE; seconded by BURTON CRANE.

C. Brooks Peters, now President, Communications Associates, Inc., Overseas assignments: Germany, June 1938 to October, 1941, for the New York Times. Proposed by OTTO TOLICHUS; seconded by HERBERT L. MATTHEWS.

ASSOCIATE: F. Darius Benham, now doing public relations and promotion. Overseas assignments: France, England, Switzerland, Italy, Jan.-Sept. 1919. Covered Versailles Peace Treaty, Chicago Tribune and New York World. Proposed by WYTHE WILLIAMS; seconded by THOMAS M. JOHNSON.

Co-chairman past President BOB CONSIDINE and GERALDINE SARTAIN, of the Membership Committee, announce the following members have been appointed to their committee: DON BURKE, EMANUEL FREEDMAN, BILL HETHERINGTON, TOM MALLEY, GABRIEL PRESSMAN, WAYNE RICHARDSON, ART RICKERBY, DOUG WERNER. Others will join the committee later.

N.F. ALLMAN, chairman of the Annual Dinner Committee announces appointment of the following members: LARRY BLOCHMAN, HELEN BUCKLER, DOROTHY FISCHER, JOHN GOETTE, WM. MAYER, DOROTHY OMANSKY, MADELINE ROSS, MARION SANFORD, J.H. SCHEUER, ADELE NATHAN AND KATHRYN CRAVENS. Says Chairman ALLMAN: "We plan on streamlining and updating our invitation list and this will require a lot of work. Will members please start sending in names and addresses of prospective invitees NOW."

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BILL SHIRER in his "Midcentury Journey", published by Farrar, Straus and Young, Inc., gives a nimble, readable refresher course in European events from World War I to the moment of his latest visit there. It is an intimate story of Austria, Germany, France, Belgium and England, topped with personal reactions to the American scene by a correspondent who served so long abroad. Philosophically, SHIRER notes that "The free countries of Europe, rubbing their eyes and at last opening them wide, realized finally they would have to unite and arm to survive.. Could an American, remembering all

ABOUT BOOKS

by

JOHN GOETTE

the past follies of the western world- the ones recorded in this journey- not be proud that this had taken place? .. There were moments even when you could feel proud and glad, and certainly stirred, to be living at this tumultuous time in so great an age".

Doubleday & Co. Inc. via their PRO Pat Reynolds, stakes its "all" in exposing two 1952 travel books to such a jaunt-about outfit as OPC. Both are from the pen of RICHARD JOSEPH, travel editor of Esquire. "Your Trip to Britain" is a complete "where to..what to..how

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to"... on all that is Britain. On the airways side, a nod is given to GERRY WYNNE, BOAC's PRO. JOSEPH's World Wide Travel Guide tours you through 30 countries in the continental divisions of Europe, Near East and South America. Nothing is dull in either of these volumes as note the Benelux title - "High Times in the Low Countries." Whether your 1st or 51st trip overseas, these provide useful fun...

Prentice-Hall's PRO LEN HARRIS sends their 902-page Public Relations Handbook. Under the editorship of Philip Lesly, 36 publicists pool their experience and advice in this working manual with such details as to require 16 pages merely to record the contents. PRO-ing seems all to be there.

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I	I	Beirut: (Special to <u>The Bulletin</u>): The recent army coup d'etat
I	I	in Egypt brought about a quick but temporary expansion of the small
I	I	hard core of resident foreign correspondents in the Middle East.

LARRY RUE, of the Chicago Tribune and Waldo Drake of the Los Angeles Times flew in from their Frankfurt base. Jack Lecockis, for several years the European correspondent of the Cleveland Plain Dealer based in Rome, was in real luck; he happened to be in Cairo when the coup broke, on the first lap of an around-the-world trip for the Plain Dealer, and has since gone on to Beirut, Teheran and points East. Life photog DAVE DUNCAN flew in from his Rome base to take an informal set of pix of coup leader General Naguib, which ran together with an "as told to" Naguib-Duncan texter. DAVE RICHARDSON, of Time-Life flew in from Beirut, his permanent base for covering the Middle East. Among the permanent press: "Sock" Chakales and Nat Pollak, of AP, Walter Collins, of UP, MIKE CLARK, of the N. Y. Times, Leigh White, of the Saturday Evening Post.

Almost everyone tried to get an exclusive interview with Naguib, but almost invariably after the promise of an exclusive, the correspondent turned up at the appointed hour to find anywhere from one to 30 other newsmen there under the same illusion. This snafu could be credited to the young officers around Naguib, new at handling the press and seemingly scared to death of it. Three or four insisted on hovering over both the General and the press at each "exclusive interview", answering questions, warning that other questions were "too political" and generally strengthening the impression that Naguib is anything but a strong man-- merely the chairman of the committee.

The Semiramis Hotel (pronounced sim-meer-muss) has replaced Shepherds as unofficial press club in Cairo. Before lunch and dinner, correspondents gather there in Joe's bar-- Joe being the self-same Joe who presided at Shepherds for so many years. This time, incidentally, the bar has been fireproofed.

Jim Bell, who has been covering the Middle East for Time for a year and a half, is expected back momentarily after an operation in New York to take care of recurrent effects of an old Korea shoulder wound. Jim's family lives in Beirut.

WEDDING BELLS	WILLIAM HILLMAN, MBS White House Correspondent, and Miss
	Margherita Bisconti, of New York in Paris, Aug. 27 at the
	Mairie of the 8th Arrondissement. Miss Bisconti was formerly a speech and dramatic arts teacher in N.Y. The couple
	will be back in Washington for BILL's broadcast, Sept. 14.

It was old-home week at Idlewild Airport Tuesday morning Sept. 2 when 60 newsmen set out from N.Y. on a super-constellation, accompanying Gen. "Ike" on his first campaign trip. a similar number are expected on Gov. Stevenson's West Coast tour, starting Sept. 6. "Jim" Hagerty, Gov. Dewey's secretary is handling press relations for Ike, and William I. Flanagan, former Chicago Sun city editor is Stevenson's press man at present.

Mexico City (Special to The Bulletin): The "Prescott vs. O'Dwyer" incident is now virtually a closed book in Mexico, but conversation among the press corps of the Mexican capital lingers on. For anyone who missed the headlines in New York, the trouble rose over a dispatch from UP Bureau chief, Robert Prescott, stating that US Ambassador William O'Dwyer was considering becoming a Mexican citizen. O'Dwyer angrily denied this at a press conference the following morning in which he called Prescott, among other things a "lying bastard". The Ambassador said that he talked to Prescott over the telephone and at no point in their conversation did the question of his becoming a Mexican citizen arise. He said he had two witnesses to the conversation. Prescott's version of the story was in direct conflict and said that when he asked O'Dwyer about becoming a Mexican citizen, the Ambassador answered, "I am considering lots of things and that is one of them. The Ambassador said that for once he was going to make a denial catch up with an original story. He was successful. The denial hit page one.

Representatives of U.S. magazines in Mexico City were alarmed recently when Mexican publishers formed a committee to seek a government ban on the import into Mexico of all U.S. magazines. Principal target for their action was the forthcoming Spanish language edition of Life, but the proposed ban would have caught all U.S. magazines including the Spanish edition of Readers Digest, Selecciones, which sells over 200,000 copies an issue in Mexico alone. However, the movement seems to have quieted down for the moment.

ROBERT LUBAR, transferred from Bonn, Germany, has become head of the Time-Life office in Mexico City. He replaces Martin O'Neil, now back in New York. LUBAR's family will follow as soon as he finds them a home.*****EMANUEL FREEDMAN, foreign ed. of the N.Y. Times, has been a house guest of the Times Mexico City's Sydney Gruson. FREEDMAN and his wife spent a cool three-week vacation in Mexico. (That's right. Mexico was covered with a blanket of white snow on August 12.) (by JOHN WILHELM).

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President BILL GRAY's 15-year-old daughter, Margrethe, who went as his partner to the recent swank Plaza Hotel dinner for King Feisal II of Iraq, made a conquest of Pakistan's Ambassador to the UN, Prof. A.S. Bokhari. Sitting next to him at Table No.1, Margrethe asked the diplomat such searching questions about his country that BILL (sitting next to an OPC Bulletin reporter) didn't know whether to call her off or not. But the diplomat was completely at ease and appeared to be enjoying himself. He introduced Margrethe to Secretary General Trygve Lie's daughter, because Margrethe is just back from a year of school in Norway. In true diplomatic fashion, Miss Lie insisted: "Margrethe speaks better Norwegian than I".

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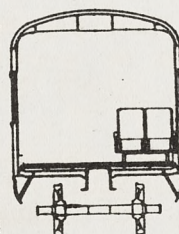
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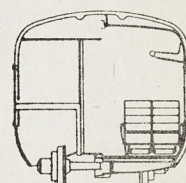
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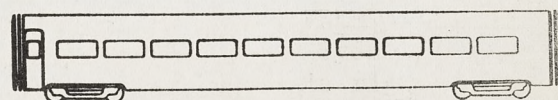
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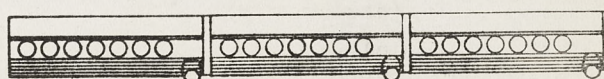
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BRIEFS: EMANUEL FREEDMAN, NY Times foreign editor, flies to the Far East on Sept. 11 to discuss news operation and coverage conditions in that area. He will stop at Tokyo, Korea, Hong Kong, Formosa, Saigon, Bangkok, Singapore, Indonesia and Manila before returning to NY in late OctoberMAY CRAIG, up from Washington to cover Ike and Stevenson speeches, stocked up on red flannels at Abercrombies but wouldn't say if there is another trip in the immediate offing....MARY HEATON VORSE, in and out of NY, doing field work for another Harper's story, on migrant farm labor....GERALDINE FITCH entertained 22 of her immediate family at Lake George in August....CIPRO BENEDETTI appointed public relations director of a new magazine Italamerican Dean ACKERMAN out of hospital after a checkup....Ambassador Briggs, transferring from Prague to Korea said in NY the Otis case will still be No. 1 business on US agenda in Czechoslovakia Joseph Barry, former NY Times Sunday department rep. in Paris has transferred to House Beautiful as ex. editor.

ROOM FOR RENT: Nice room for gentleman, Washington Square section, with private entrance and private bath (shower). Available Sept. 15. May be seen by appointment any time from Monday noon, Sept. 8. Phone: GR 5-2134.

MAIL BAG: From DENIS MCEVOY, Readers Digest: "In a recent issue of the Bulletin, your Paris correspondent listed my name amongst those present in Paris at an American Embassy July 4 cocktail party*** I have not been in Paris since the beginning of the year*** Incidentally we now have a son, Nion Tucker McEvoy. My wife, Nan, flew from Madrid to San Mateo, Calif., for the birth. *** We should be in Spain another eight months or a year and our friends can reach us at Serrano 145, Madrid. Telephone 31.11.01.

From FRANK TAO: Ambassador-Designate Hollington K. Tong was unable to attend the Columbia University journalism teachers conference. He cabled a message. D. Tong had planned to attend the 40th anniversary reunion of the Columbia School of Journalism as a member of the first class of the Pulitzer School of Journalism but his new appointment made it impossible.

From LARRY HOOVER: Life invites comments on the Hemingway novel printed complete in the magazine's Sept. 1 issue.

From former member Ray Brock in Ankara: "Blood, Oil & Sand" is selling like scones w. butter in the British edition, and am working on a new one "Bayonets East" on Ataturk and modern Turkey, N.Y. in October.

Post cards from BELLA FROMM in Frankfurt; Ellen and MARTY BURSTEN in Monte Carlo; RALPH GARDNER in Spain.

A copy of "The Nation's Leading House Magazines" published by CON GEBBIE, of Gebbie Press has been given the OPC; it sells for \$20 a copy and covers more than 1400 major company publications.

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An unofficial chronology of events in the Korean campaign from Jan. 1 to June 30, 1952, has been sent the club by Lt. Col. D. R. Nugent, USMC.

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Added to the OPC library via the Vanguard Press is a copy of "Brain Washing in Red China" by EDDIE HUNTER. The London Daily Mail, commenting on 100 new words in the Encyclopedia Britannica Book of the Year, gives EDDIE credit for being the first person to introduce the term into English print from the original Chinese (by JOHN GOETTE)

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